

HALIBUT PRICE HOLDS UP WELL

Sch. Waldo L. Stream in Here This Morning With 18,000 Pounds.

One halibut is all that is in here this morning in the way of off shore arrivals. Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream from Quero, having 18,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 8000 pounds of salt cod. The New England Fish Company purchased the halibut this morning at 12½ cents for white and 9½ cents a pound for gray. The gill netters landed about 50,000 pounds of fresh fish yesterday, which were shipped to Boston. Steamer Mary F. Ruth came in here yesterday afternoon, but took her fare to Boston for this morning's market.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Quero, 18,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, went to Boston.

Sch. Adeline, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, south sein-ing.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, halibuting.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, halibuting.

Sch. Elk, halibuting.

Sch. Manomet, south mackerel netting.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, pollock sein-ing.

Sch. Ella G. King, Provincetown.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.35; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 12½c for white and 9½c for gray.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Oriole and Ingomar arrived at Shelburne Monday last and cleared.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray arrived at Liverpool Monday last and cleared.

Sch. John Hays Hammond passed Mulgrave Sunday last bound north.

Schs. Athlete, Governor Foss, Richard, Elsie, Paragon, Stiletto, Fannie A. Smith arrived at Canso, Monday last, bound north.

The Ice Report.

As telegraphed by the superintendent of the signal service to the Halifax Board of Trade, April 21:

Quebec to Anticosti, Magdalen Islands, Money Point, Cape Ray, Flat Point—no ice.

Steamer Bruce reports no ice from Port Aux Basque to Flat Point.

April 24

MORE MONEY FOR HERRING

Bay of Islands Fishermen Want It—Probably Don't Know of New Bill.

Says the Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star: "Herring catchers of the west coast are asking themselves the question in what manner can we secure a better price for our catch?"

"Some suggest a certain mode of proceeding, while others a totally different one, and the contending parties discuss the pros and cons of each without being able to come to any conclusion mutually satisfactory. Some have asked us what we would propose?"

"Our answer is, it should be a very simple matter in these days of telegraph railway and steam connection for fishermen living in the different sections to come to some understanding upon a matter of such vital importance to them. The easiest way to set to work is for a deputation of fishermen from Bay of Islands to wait upon and confer with the fishermen of Bonne Bay, have a full and frank discussion of the whole matter, and, if co-operation be secured, then an agreement should be prepared embodying the terms and conditions under which herring will be sold in the future. This done, the fishermen in the Bay of Islands and Bonne Bay sections should appoint some persons from among their number for the purpose of securing the signatures of all the fishermen on the west coast. The work should be entrusted to competent and reliable men in order that the work of securing signatures to the agreement may be done in a thorough manner. It will require some money to defray expenses connected with the matter. Twenty cents from each fishermen will do this."

"Now this is a very simple and easy way to accomplish what the fishermen of the west coast have in view, and it does not require a high order of intelligence to make it a complete success. There is no necessity for organization of a complex character, such as a society or a union and there are many fishermen residing on the west coast who have the brains and energy to bring about a proper understanding among their brother fishermen if they would only develop sufficient interest in the matter."

"Unions are of a most beneficial character when properly managed and controlled and not made political engines of, such as the F. P. U. is. When politics and unionism in a country like ours go hand in hand one is sure to be the death-knell of the other. The scheming politicians and political wire puller is always on the alert to sell out the organization to the highest political bidder."

CURED FISH MARKET QUIET

There is not much movement recorded in the New York dried fish market according to the Fishing Gazette. Only a moderate jobbing demand is reported. The Norwegian cod fishery to April 5 is reported as 30,700,000, against 57,600,000 same time last year.

Recent advices from Halifax state that the dried fish market there is quiet, and that no profitable sales are being made.

As to export conditions the West Indian Markets are not over stocked, but Porto Rico, the biggest consumer, seems to be able to get all the supplies she needs on consignment and therefore the order business from that island is practically nil, says the "Maritime Merchant." We understand that account sales on consigned shipments to Porto Rico are netting exporters about 30 cents a quintal under present cost price here. As for the other foreign markets, the news from Northern and Southern Brazil is that receipts early in the year were heavier than they should have been, and that in consequence the end of the Lenten season finds dealers still heavily stocked. Today's values in these markets are about 3 shillings less than they were in December. From Oporto we are advised that conditions have recently improved and best quality fish are now wanted at full prices; the Mediterranean trade, too, is quite satisfactory at the present time.

The latest report of the Norwegian fisheries gives 22,500,000 fish for the season, while the report for the corresponding period last year gives 55,500,000 fish. As a matter of fact, says the "Trade Review," the catch to the first of April this year is the smallest for four years. In 1910, at this date, the count was 26,000,000, and in 1911 it was 24,000,000. Last year it had reached 55,500,000, as stated above. The total catch of the Norwegians last year reached over 90,000,000; it will scarcely reach the average of from 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 this season.

HERRING SHOW AT NOVA SCOTIA

The Halifax, N. S., Herald of Tuesday last says: "It fell to the smack Margaret M. Gray to find the first herring off Halifax harbor, a baker's dozen being taken in a trap at the farther end of Eastern Passage. They were sold to the North Atlantic fisheries, being a fair size. Encouraging reports are coming in from several districts showing the silvery scaled beauties will soon be found in force. At Queensport about five barrels were netted yesterday, says a dispatch to the Halifax Herald over the Western Union wire, while at Souris, P. E. I., the fish have been in evidence but no large body have been seen up till last evening along the eastern shore. One schooner from Boston baited at Souris yesterday. There has been no further word from the Magdalen Islands, where about 60 Nova Scotian and Gloucester vessels are cruising about seeking herring."

SCH. RAMONA DAMAGED BY ICE

The sch. Ramona, Captain Ned Barry, put into Burgeo, N. F., Saturday with her stem badly damaged by the ice. The Ramona is owned by the Gorton Fish Fisheries Company of this city and was bound from St. Pierre to Rose Blanche.

Ice Gone Off Channel.

As the ice has moved off the Newfoundland coast, fishermen around Channel and Port aux Basque no longer find difficulty in operating and each day they get on the ground and secure good hauls. On the 10th instant, the men were getting six to eight quintals each.

Blocked With Ice.

A letter from Gaultois, Hermitage Bay, N. F., to Mr. LeMessurier, Deputy Minister of Customs, says: "At present this place is blocked with ice and has been so since March 16. This is the first time in thirty years that such has occurred."

April 24

SINGLE HEAD COMMISSION

With Two Deputies, Favored for Fisheries and Game Dep't in New Bill.

The Committee on Fisheries and Game yesterday reported to the Senate, in a new draft, a bill in accordance with the report of the Commission on Economy and Efficiency a bill to abolish the existing Fish and Game Commission and to authorize the governor to appoint a commissioner on fisheries and game at a salary of \$5000 and two deputies—one to be commissioner of coastwise fisheries and game and the other to be commissioner of inland fisheries and game at salaries of \$3000 each. The term of office for the commissioner and the deputies is to be five years. Messrs. Smith and Look of the House dissent.

April 25

SEVERAL CRAFTS STRIKE POLLOCK

Pollock have struck in and yesterday several of the gasliners struck them down to the eastward and made a set. The Bryda F. took 12,000 pounds, while the Bethulia arrived last evening with 25,000 pounds. Another trip was seized by the Enterprise, the craft having 25,000 pounds which she took to Boston for this morning's market.

A number of the boats off here report pollock schooling yesterday and now that the fish have shown up several of the crafts will get underway.

Another For Pensacola.

Having evidently lost one smack, the Althea Franklin, the Warren Fish Company will soon have another smack to replace her. The smack Clara G. Silva, built along the same lines and about the same size of the Hop, already owned by the Warren Company, sailed for Pensacola from Gloucester on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The new smack is expected to reach Pensacola via the snapper banks and it is supposed that she is in command of Captain Park Rollins. However this is not certain as the commander's name was not given in the dispatch received by the smack's new owners which gave the hour of her departure for Pensacola.

The Clara G. Silva is the first New England fishing vessel to be bought by Pensacola parties this year. About a half dozen Gloucester and other Massachusetts boats were purchased by local dealers last year.—Pensacola News, April 18.

After Gray Cod.

The Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. of Prince Rupert, B. C., will send two power schooners each of 1000 tons capacity to Bering sea this month to fish for gray cod. One schooner had been bought in San Francisco early this month and negotiations were under way for the purchase of another.

It is announced the company will also shortly engage in halibut fishing in the north in the vicinity of Hecate straits. The company owns three trawlers which can be used for halibut fishing, three large halibut auxiliary schooners, and intends building two more of the latter type.

April 25.

ARRIVALS HERE
VERY LIGHT

Few Shore Pollockers and
Gill Netters Yesterday—
Nothing Today.

Outside of a few shore pollockers, the only fresh fish arrivals yesterday was from the gill netters which had about 35,000 pounds of haddock and cod.

No offshore arrivals were reported up to noon today.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Bryda F., shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Str. Randolph, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 18000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish. (Went to Boston).

Str. Joanna, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 2100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 3400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold II, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 25,000 lbs. fresh pollock.

Sch. Aloha, haddocking, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Madeline, south netting.

Sch. Lillian, south netting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.35; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 12 1/2c for white and 9 1/2c for gray.

April 25.

REACH BANKS
BY INSTINCT

In one of his best novels, Charles Reade expressed amazement at the way workmen will fight for the smallest difference on wage questions, and submit indifferently to conditions of labor which slaughtered them by scores every year.

This peculiar mental habit is well illustrated by a recent report on French fisheries on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. For more than 400 years, Norman and Breton fishermen have come from la belle France to catch cod among the fogs of the banks. In all that time, conditions of labor and even of navigation have changed but a trifle.

Masters of the fishing schooners have the least possible knowledge of navigation with which they can get a clearance from French ports. They know when they reach the Banks by "instinct" and soundings; they know when they are approaching home because they cross the steamer lanes of the English Channel.

Practically all reforms in conditions of work have been made at the urgency of French naval officers. The fishermen did not ask for the hospital ship which patrols the banks. They did not ask for light dories instead of clumsy "chaloupes." They were concerned only to get a proper share of the catch in lieu of wages.

"I suppose you would grind death's scythe for him—at list price—to keep down apprentices and keep up wages," a character in Charles Reade's novel taunts the head of the Grinders' Union. The remark applies to other lands than England, and to other trades than the one Reade had in mind.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

REPORT POLLOCK
SCHOOLING NOW

About 70,000 pounds of fish were brought in Wednesday by vessels of the local fleet, the largest fare being that of the schooner Lochinvar, she hailing for 25,000 pounds. The sloop Bessie M. had a rough experience on Monday during a heavy blow at the eastward, her engine giving out, the little craft narrowly escaping foundering, but finally succeeded in getting into Boothbay harbor.

Fishermen arriving Wednesday report seeing pollock schooling in several directions outside the Cape. Several small catches were made, the sloop Isabel Parsons bringing in 13,000 pounds, and it is believed quite an amount will be landed today.

MAY BLOW UP ICEBERGS.

The Seneca Chased Down Two Ice Monsters.

The United States derelict destroyer Seneca arrived at Halifax Wednesday for provisions and coal after a three weeks' search at sea for icebergs. The Seneca sailed from New York on April 3. On April 9 she received by wireless the location of two icebergs and sighted them five days later after a chase of several hundred miles. On resuming her patrol the Seneca may attempt to destroy what remains of the bergs by the use of gun cotton.

Sardine Fishers Have Good Run.

The Eastport, Maine, sardine factories have had an unusually good run of fish during the past week for this season of the year. Such a run of fish was not expected by the fishermen and many of the weirs had not been repaired or rebuilt, as they have to be every spring, but work on them is being rapidly pushed forward now. There seems to be a scarcity of girls to work in the factories this spring, some of the factories having only half packers enough. Good packers make good wages at this business.

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PRICES TAKE
DECIDED SLUMP

Fleet at T Wharf Not Over
Large, But Trade Seems
Dull.

A fleet of 17 arrivals were reported by Boston this morning as having arrived at T dock since yesterday, but it being Friday, which is generally an off day in the wholesale fish trade, prices took a decided slump over those of the preceding days.

Among the off-shores in are schs. Squanto, with 65,000 pounds; Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 70,000 pounds; steamer Spray, 45,000 pounds. Some of the shore boats have nice fares of haddock and cod, while there was also some 35,000 pounds of fresh pollock.

Wholesalers paid \$1.75 to \$2.55 a hundred for haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 for large cod, \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod, \$1 to \$2.75 for hake and \$1 to \$1.05 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Marion, 2100 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 700 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 150 haddock, 1800 cod, 19,000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Genesta, 8500 haddock, 2200 cod, 2000 hake.

Str. Spray, 41,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Squanto, 10,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 15,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 7000 haddock, 7000 cod, 12000 pollock.

Sch. Galatea, 5000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Carrie and Mildred, 2500 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Priscilla, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Esther Gray, 600 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 400 cod.

Sch. Little John, 300 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, 30,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 2500 haddock, 2400 cod, 1600 hake, 8000 cusk.

Str. Enterprise, 25,000 pollock.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake, 10,000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.55 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2.75; pollock, \$1 to \$1.05.

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Sealer Turned Fisherman.

The sealing sch. Vera, which has been operated out of Victoria for the last year or two, has been taken to Seattle, to be fitted out to pass rest of her days as an ordinary fishing vessel. She will be placed under American register and will fish in Alaska. The Vera is well known down the whole Pacific Coast although operated latterly out of Victoria. She was exchanged for the Teresa, when that boat was bought by Iverson & McDonald, and then found not to be American bottom but built at San Salvador. The only other boat available to be registered under American regulations, in the hands of the Victoria Sealing Company, was the Vera.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Richard, Athlete, Governor Foss, A. Platt Andrew, Stiletto, Fannie A. Smith, Monitor, Elsie and Paragon sailed from Canso Tuesday last for Magdalenes.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott arrived at Liverpool Tuesday last and cleared.

Schs. Judique, Arethusa, Marceau la and Kineo were at Hawkesbury Tuesday last bound to Magdalenes.

Small Hauls of Mackerel.

A despatch from Chincoteague, Va., this morning, states that eight small boats were in there yesterday with fares of 100 to 300 large fresh mackerel each. The total shipments for the day was 3180 fish.

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Rebuilt for Halibut Fishing.

The halibut boat McKinley, owned by Capt. C. A. Norton of Anacortes, Wash., was scheduled to leave Seattle early this month for the north. The McKinley was burned near Olympia two or three years ago. Capt. Norton raised the hull last winter and practically rebuilt the boat. The McKinley is 83 feet long, has an 18-foot beam and has a 9-foot draft. She has a 50 horsepower Corliss engine as well as canvas schooner rigging. She will carry 16 men, six dories and has a 100-ton capacity.

Will Go Pollock Seining.

Steamers Ethel and Sawyer of the gill netting fleet will now engage in pollock seining.

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Codfish for Cuba.

A late issue of the Weekly Bulletin issued by the Canadian Commerce Bureau, says:

"Cuba imports over \$1,000,000 of codfish every year, of which Canada is the largest exporter, with a share of \$398,118. The two nearest competitors are Great Britain, with an exportation of \$374,393, and Norway, with \$340,750. A little more care in the curing and packing of the fish would greatly increase the above figures. Canadian exporters are invited to correspond with this office for assistance in securing a footing in this market."

✓ April 26.

SMOKE HOUSES
AT WOODS' ISLAND

By Gloucester Fish Concerns
Is Recent Report From
Bay of Islands.

Elated by the splendid prospects of the passage of the Underwood tariff bill which has the hearty approval of President Wilson, Newfoundland papers are gleefully chuckling over the bright and brilliant future which the removal of the duty on fish offers in the development of their fisheries.

And this is only an echo of the beginning of what is Gloucester's loss and Newfoundland's great gain. That the Newfoundlanders are alive to the great possibilities which the tariff bill, as in store for them, if passed, is apparent and they apparently are going to make the most of their advantages.

"Free entry of our fishes to the American markets has awakened the enterprising merchants of Gloucester to establish smoking houses on the West Coast," says a Curling, Bay of Islands dispatch to the St. John's N. F., Herald.

"Operations in this direction have been already commenced by one of the leading firms, first location to be Wood's Island."

So far as can be learned, none of the local concerns have done anything of late directly towards starting business in Newfoundland. The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, whom it has been rumored would commence operations on the Newfoundland coast with the advent of free fish, have done nothing in that direction so a Times representative was informed by General Manager Thomas J. Carroll yesterday.

It was also learned that if anything was to be done by local interests in establishing a branch in Nova Scotia or Newfoundland, it would not be until after the tariff matter had been settled by Congress, although at the present time the outlook, it is to be admitted, is not promising and looks very much as though the Democratic program for tariff revision would go through pretty much as has been planned.

April 26.

Schooner Destroyed.

Fire destroyed the gasoline fishing sch. Victoria of Prince Rupert, early in March, while the craft was off Dundas Island. The boat was formerly used in the sealing trade. She had aboard at the time some 7000 pounds of halibut which was a total loss.